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## City Land Belongs to All

Twice last week Torrance municipal bodies have saved land belonging to the city — to all the people — from exclusive use by a private few.

Tuesday the City Council was forced to decide when the Community Chest and YMCA suggested it would be nice if Torrance, handed over Civic Center land on which to construct buildings to carry on their good work.

Wednesday the Park and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended denial of a request by the Little League which have given that group exclusive use of a ball diamond in Paradise Park during the choice hours of the summer.

There is a widespread notion that because an organization is beneficent in its aims it is entitled to request assets belonging to all the people. This concept has the same effect as taxing the public for money to turn over to beneficent and charitable agencies.

A principal essence of private, nonprofit entities is that contributions and support are voluntary. None of them was set up with the avowed purpose of leaning on all the taxpayers. They supplement what the government does for the lame, the halt, the blind, the indigent, and the aged.

To say that any charitable organization is not worthy is to ignore acts entirely.

But for private organizations to feel cheated because they can't have public property is unworthy of them.

## First General-Purpose Sea Water Conversion Plant in Operation

The first general-purpose sea water conversion plant on the Pacific coast was put into operation today by Southern California Edison Co. at its electric plant on Mandalay Beach near Oxnard.

World-wide interest has been expressed in this project not only because it employs a new distillation principle but also because it will be the subject of an intensive three-year research program.

Equipment for this demonstration plant was furnished by Cleaver-Brooks Special Products, Inc., of Waukesha, Wis., and Jacobs Engineering Co. of Pasadena were consulting engineers for the Edison Co. Cost of the unit and installation was reported in excess of \$250,000.

Edison officials said the unit will be utilized to search for a more economical method of extracting potable water from the sea by distillation. This plant, they said, is the first of its kind in the country to be used in conjunction with an existing steam-electric generation station.

Experience and data derived from experiments with this pilot plant are expected to provide technical and cost information leading to the eventual construction of saline water plants with capacities of five to 10,000,000 gallons a day of potable water. "However, we are talking

about the future," said Edison District Manager G. L. Blanchard, "and it should be emphasized that this is a pilot, experimental plant, one that cannot be expected to produce water at a cost competitive in any way to present Southern California sources such as the Colorado River or even the proposed Feather River Project."

Although Edison's converter is comparatively small with a total daily output of 100,000 gallons, it has excited interest because the opportunities it affords for use of waste and lower-grade heat.

"It utilizes steam which has nearly passed through the station's turbine and is extracted for use in the evaporator plant. As a result, it is relatively inexpensive heat. Its design incorporates an unusual amount of operating flexibility. This will allow us to operate it in a number of different ways for our experimental purposes," Blanchard said.

The converter is the most advanced equipment yet produced by Cleaver-Brooks, a company that has been building evaporators for commercial clients and the armed forces for several years. It is a multistage flash evaporator which takes advantage of water's changing boiling point when pressure is varied.

## Harvey Installs Transcontinental Phone System

A new transcontinental direct-voice communication system has been put into operation by Harvey Aluminum. The service was engineered by the Bell System.

Developed to expedite the handling of orders and technical data, the new high speed service permits direct voice communications between the general offices of the company and its regional factory branches.

"Direct lines are a time-saving improvement enabling Harvey Aluminum to accelerate its program of better, faster service to customers," said a Bell System official. "The service will simplify company communications, making it possible for sales and engineering forces to call in their order immediately to the home office for processing."

Through this communicating link, Harvey employees can dial

a local number in the closet exchange city and be connected directly to the general offices in Torrance. "It's as simple as calling across the street," the official noted.

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## Harbor College Caps 25 Nurses

Twenty-five students who completed the initial phase of their vocational nurse training at Harbor College and Harbor General Hospital were capped last week.

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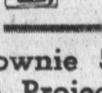
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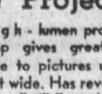
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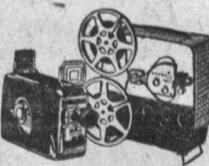
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## Moscow State Symphony Will Play Two Concerts in L. A. Next Month

Los Angeles will be taken over by the Russians, musically speaking, Feb. 17, and 18 when 120 musicians invade Shrine Auditorium for two concerts.

The Moscow State Symphony, Russia's leading orchestra, opened its first American visit with a series of concerts at Carnegie Hall and took New York by storm. As part of the Cultural Exchange Program between the Soviet Union and the United States, the celebrated orchestra

is appearing in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

The opening concert Wednesday, Feb. 17, has Emil Gilels, who ranks among the world's great pianists, as soloist to play concerti by Tchaikovsky and Mozart. Kiril Kondrashin will lead the orchestra for Tchaikovsky's Suite No. 3 in G major. He first came to this country to conduct for Van Cliburn.

The other concert Feb. 18 brings Konstantin Ivanov, the orchestra's chief conductor since 1946, to the podium for the Tchaikovsky Festival program. The orchestra will play the Symphony No. 3 in E minor and Capriccio Italian.

Soloist will be the brilliant young Russian violinist, Valeril Klimov playing the Concerto in D major. This is Klimov's debut American tour, and his technique won warm acclaim in the East.

Tickets are on sale at S. California Music Co., 787 S. Hill St., and all mutual agencies.

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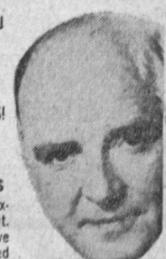
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